

Composting

Two common methods to make compost are Hot and Cold. Hot composting takes a lot of work, some education, and a little time, and is the quickest way to get garden-ready compost. Cold composting is an add-as-you-go method that needs to sit for at least a year to form compost. Hot composting kills most pests and diseases while cold composting does not.

Sunset

Currently there is no formal composting system in place at Sunset. We're hoping you'll help us design and build something that makes the most sense for you. Until we get that in place we encourage you to make use of the CleanScapes bin located near the parking area. Please help us by returning the bin to the parking lot if you need to move it. Pick up is on Thursdays.

Twin Ponds

Please put your *non-compostable* plant material in the CleanScapes bin in the parking lot or take it home. At Shoreline Community Gardens non-compostable material includes:

- Weeds
- Diseased or seeding plants
- Vegetables
- Lawn Grass
- Twine
- Plastic
- Branches
- Heavy Stalks
- Roots

Your *compostable* plant material should either go back in your plot or in a composting intake bin. You are welcome to use the two general garden bins for your own composting or contribute compostable material to the Giving Garden's Intake Bin. We are in need of folks to help manage both the general garden composting system and the Giving Garden's hot composting system, so if that interests you please let your Site Leadership Team know.

To contribute material from your plot to the **Giving Garden's hot compost system**:

Your material **must be chopped or cut up *BY YOU* into 4" pieces** or smaller. A chopping-block is kept near the Giving Garden's Intake Bin. A hatchet is in the tool shed, and a set of clippers is kept in the shed and at the Giving Garden's Intake Bin. Please, do not expect someone else to chop your compostable material for you. If you cannot cut or chop your material, please either take it home or put it back into your plot. If this is due to a disability or problem, please contact one of your site leaders for assistance.

Please, put your chopped, compostable plant material in the "Intake Bin," **not** directly into a composting bin. Leave that to the composting team. Thanks!